

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

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| Applicant:    | Irene Bozzoni et al.    | Examiner:         | Kimberly Chong |
| Serial No.:   | 10/564,020              | Group Art Unit:   | 1635           |
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| Customer No.: | 21186                   | Confirmation No.: | 7176           |
| Title:        | siRNA EXPRESSION SYSTEM |                   |                |

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**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.111**

Mail Stop Amendment  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the Office Action mailed April 15, 2010, please amend the application as follows:

This response is accompanied by a Petition, as well as the appropriate fee, to obtain a one-month extension of the period for responding to the Office action, thereby moving the deadline for response from July 15, 2010, to August 15, 2010.